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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1950.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BROOK HOUSE, DOVER.

TO: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Dover, acting as the Port Health Authority of the Port of Dover:

Ladies and Gentiemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Port Health Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Regulations of the Ministry of Health and in the form indicated in Memorandum 302/S.A. dated the 2nd December, 1946.

The shipping entering the port continued to receive close attention during the year, careful supervision being exercised in connection with infectious disease prevention, the sanitary condition of vessels, imported foodstuffs, and all other matters connected with port health control.

The number of ships inspected during the year was 109 and among these were found 13 defects of crews' spaces. Lack of cleanliness was again more frequently noted in British vessels than in those of other nations; in some instances, in British coastwise vessels there was a lack of facilities in crews' quarters to account for this, water having to be carried from the galley for washing purposes, while in others, especially in foreign-going British ships, it is probable that, where quarters are not maintained in a satisfactory condition, the crews, being in the habit of signing off at the end of a voyage, have less incentive to maintain proper standards than the more permanent crews of many foreign ships trading regularly between ports away from home.

Passenger traffic, both British and Alien, showed a further increase during the year, total figures being shown in Table B. The numbers of aliens are shown separately in the Section on Aliens Medical Inspection.

17,805 tons of foodstuffs were imported during the year, 7 cwts. being destroyed as unfit for human consumption.

The Department's thanks are due to H. M. Customs and Immigration Departments for their continued co-operation with the Port Health Staff and for their valued assistance which is readily available at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.

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TABLE A.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

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Number reported to be defective:	3 .	
Inspected.  By the Sani tary Inspector:  59 12	38	89
Number By the Medical Officer of Health:	<b>. 1</b>	50
2,489,514 1,075,241 3,510 3,568,265 122,044 63,354 63,354 63,660	189,898	3,758,163
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# Includes mechanically propeiled vessels other than steamers.

## II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

# TABLE B.

(a) Passenger Traffic during the year:

# Number of Passengers:

INWARDS ..... 496,480 OUTWARDS ..... 498,601

(b) Cargo Traffic:

Principal Imports - General merchandise, wines, foodstuffs, coal and timber.

Principal Exports - Cars and general merchandise.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive: South and West Africa; Therian, Scandinavian and Baltic.

## III. WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) For the Port: Dover Corporation mains.
- (2) For Shipping: Dover Corporation mains.
- (3) Number of Water Boats: NIL.

## IV. PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 and 1945.

Arrangements for dealing with Declarations of Health: These are collected and examined by the Port Medical Officer if he boards the vessels on arrival, or by H. M. Customs Officers. In the latter case, each Declaration is forwarded to the Port Medical Officer forthwith, During the year 1950, Declarations of Health were received in respect of 89 vessels.

Notification to the Authority of vessels requiring special attention: Messages by wireless are received by North Foreland and Portishead Radio Stations and are usually transmitted direct to the Port Medical Officer who takes such action as the circumstances require.

Particulars of any standing exemptions from the provisions of Article 14: Apart from infected or suspected ships as defined in the Regulations, vessels from foreign ports are granted modified pratique by H. M. Customs Boarding Officers pending inspection by the Port Medical Officer, whenever this is necessary. In one instance after the issue of such pratique, a medical detention notice under Article 14(2) was served on the Master of a vessel' on account of an outbreak of dysentery associated with grossly defective sanitation onboard. The vessel was the s.s. Liguria of Panamanian Registry which arrived at Dover on the 21st November, bound from Bremerhaven to Australia. She carried a crew of 130 and 930 Displaced Persons, including 250 children, who proceeding from Europe to Australia under the auspices of the International Relief Organisation. On inspection of the vessel it was evident that there had been a complete break-down of the sanitation on board. No water closet flushes were working, the drinking water was contaminated with salt water and there was no hot water for washing. In addition, there was an outbreak of bacillary dysentery among the passengers. Eight children were found to be suffering from the disease, which was confirmed by laboratory investigation, and a further five children and two adults became affected shortly after arrival, All were accommodated in the ship's hospital and appropriate steps were taken, in conjunction with the ship's medical staff, to limit the spread of infection. At the same time all possible action was taken to remedy the insanitary conditions on board. This involved an examination by Lloyds' surveyors and, as the work found to be necessary could not be completed at Dover, temporary repairs were effected and the ship left for Southampton on the 24th November, the Southampton Port Health Authority having been notified beforehand.

Information was later received that three more dysentery cases occurred at Southampton but that the additional work required to maintain efficient sanitation had been completed and the vessel sailed on the 30th November, no further cases having been notified.

Hospital Accommodation for Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox and other infectious disease: Responsibility for providing hospital accommodation for cases of sea-borne infectious disease is undertaken by the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board acting locally through the South East Kent Hospital Management Committee.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease: Leaflets giving particulars of the local facilities are distributed as a routine to Masters of vessels entering port. The total number of patients from the high seas recorded as having attended at the local Treatment Centre during the year was twenty-seven.

The other arrangements under the Port Health Regulations are as described in the Annual Report for 1948.

### TABLE C.

### CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS LANDED FROM VESSELS.

Disease:	No. of Cases Passengers		No. of vessels concerned:	Average No. of Cases for pre- vious 5 years:
Malaria		1	1	0.40
Acute Poli myeliti			1	-

#### TABLE D.

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS OCCURRING ON VESSELS DURING THE VOYAGE BUT DISPOSED OF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

Disease:	No. of Cases during year: Passengers: Crew:	No. of vessels concerned:	Average No. of Cases for pre- vious 5 years:
Walaria	2	2	0.40

# PARROTS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORT) REGULATIONS, 1930.

During the year, two birds of the parrot family were dealt with in accordance with the above Regulations, both being destroyed.

### V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

The steps taken for the detection of rodent plague and of rat prevalence in ships and on shore and for the deratisation of ships were continued on the same lines as in previous reports.

The decrease in the prevalence of rats in the dock areas, noted in the 1948 report, was maintained during 1950.

### RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels:

NIL

### TABLE F. .

# (2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Number of Rats:	Jan:	Feb	Mar	:Apr	:May	Jun:	Jul	Aug	Sep	:Oct:	Nov	Dec:
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Species not recorded	10	-	-	-	· _	_	7	oun	~~	5	-	_
Examined	-	-	-	-	_		-		-	-	-	_
Infected with Plague	<u></u>	-	_	_	-	-	_	- <u>-</u>	-	_	_	-

Total in Year: Species not recorded - 22 (Number estimated to have been destroyed by poisoning).

# TABLE G.

Measures of Rat Destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" vessels or vessels from plague infected ports arriving in the Port during the year.

NIL

# VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES.

Classification of Nuisances.

of Vessel:	Inspected during the			Dirt, vermin & other condit- ions prejudicial to health:
British.	67	4	2	4
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Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year

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No.	HGN:		-
-No. of Ships:	·	W W O - 1.	, 12
Net Tonnage:		Ships up to 300 tons Ships from 301 to 1,000 tons Ships from 1,001 to 3,000 tons Ships from 3,001 to 10,000 tons Ships over 10,000 tons	Totals:

+ Applicable only to those Ports approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratisation Certificates Jove: was aprroved for the and Deratisation Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Articls 28 or the Luternational Sanitary Convention, 1926 (Form Port II). As from the 8th May, 1930, the Port of Dove: was approved for the Work commenced here in June, purpose.

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GRAND\_TOTAL: 17.805 tons. 14 cwts. 0 gtrs. 26 lbs.

FOOD INSPECTION.

42	r the Public, 1926, and t	rted alth	1 2 4 1	ations, 1	937, in Fo	Public Regulat	t1. (	Imported
Article of Foodstuff:	ERANCE Ib.	ITALY tons: c. q. lb.	BELGIUM   tns: c.	HOLLAND    tns: c.	SPAIN !! tns: c.	COASTISE	TLILIY ms. c.	CANADA tns. c.
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The following amounts of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption and destroyed:-

From Spain: 2 cwts. O qtrs. Apricots

From Belgium: 5 cwts. O qtrs. Fish

Action in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, was taken on two occasions during the year, as follows:

- (a) A consignment of Italian Cooked Ham, comprising 300 boxes, each containing six tins, with a total weight of approximately 13½ tons, was detained owing to gross irregularities in the accompanying Official Certificates, viz. only 171 packages had the Certificates affixed; the remaining Certificates, numbering 128, were enclosed in an envelope accompanying the official papers, and of the Certificates, eleven were unnumbered, one of which was unsigned and undated; none of the total number of Certificates bore the word "Inspected", while the stamp differed from that officially recognised. Following the service of Notice of Exportation, investigations were instituted and, as a result of consultations between the Ministry of Food and the Italian Authorities, evidence was provided that the ham had in fact been derived from animals which had been inspected anter and post-mortem in accordance with the arrangements subject to which an Official Certificate for Italy was recognised. After due consideration and having regard to all the circumstances, the Notice of Detention was withdrawn and the goods released.
  - (b) A small consignment of Tinned Preserved Meat, weight 8 lbs., was detained owing to the absence of an Official Certificate. On receipt of an undertaking that the consignment was not intended for sale for human consumption, the notice of detention was withdrawn.
    - (2) Shellfish: There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the district.
    - (3) Number of Samples of Food examined by:

(a) Bacteriologist .... Nil.(b) Analyst .... 28.

#### Nature of Sample:

### Result of Examination:

1. Luncheon Meat	No preservatives or metallic contam- ination; can in good order.
2. Drained Cnerries	Free from sulphur dioxide and tin or copper contamination.
3. Silver Dragees	Composed of sugar with fine coating

of pure silver.

Frozen Blackcurrents Free from sulphur diovide and Borox

4. Frozen Blackcurrants .... Free from sulphur dioxide and Boron compounds.

"Demi Sel" Cheese Percentage Composition: "Brie" Cheese No. 5: Water ... 65.2 No. 7: 55.33 No. 6: 7. "Carre de l'Est" Cheese) 58.30 Fat ..... 15.5 17.95 17.11 Proteins . 16.7 20.79 23.72 3.50 Ash ..... 2.6 3.00 No preservatives in any of the samples.

8. Frozen Stoneless Cherries

Free from sulphur dioxide and Boron compounds.

9. "Le Leopard" Processed Gruyere Cheese ......

Percentage Composition: Water 48.66 Fat 24.96 Proteins 21.20 Ash 5.18

10. Chocolate Powder ......

Free from arsenical contamination, grit and sand. Ash content normal at 1.72 per cent.

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11.	Plain Chocolate	Ash content 1,20 per cent; free from arsenical contamination.
12.	Full Cream Chocolate	Ash content 1.77 per cent; free from arsenical contamination.
13. 14.	Canned Luncheon Meat) Canned Mushrooms	Both free from metallic contaminat- ion, sulphur dioxide and Boron com- pounds.
	Cherry Preserve Strawberry Preserve	Soluble solids 58,5 per cent. Soluble solids 64.7 per cent. Both samples undergoing slight fermentation,
17.	Cooked Ham,	Free from metallic contamination, sulphur dioxide and Boron compounds.
.18.	Pears	Under 1 part per million of Arsenic and under 20 parts per million of Copper.
19.	Tomato Puree	Less than 10 parts per million Copper.
20.	Cherries in Syrup .,	Sulphur dioxide etc. absent. No metallic contamination.
22.	Drained Angelica) Glace Angelica) Crystallised Angelica)	No sulphur dioxide or metallic contamination,
24.	Salami	No sulphur dioxide or Boron compounds; no rancidity in fat.
25.	Cheese	Percentage Composition: Water 34.62 Fat 34.50 Proteins 25.74 Ash 5.14
26.	Drained Cherries ,,	Free from preservatives, metallic contamination and prohibited colour,
27.	Canned Cherries	Free from preservatives, metallic contamination and prohibited colour.
28.	Crystallised Seeds	Free from arsenic, preservatives, metallic contamination and prohibited colours.
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### Remarks:

Cherry and Strawberry Preserves: These items were imported as Bottled Fruits and thus did not come within the scope of the Food Standards (Preserves) Order. The results of analysis were forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health of the district to which the goods were consigned.

Pears: As in the previous year, consignments of pears were found to bear traces of a chemical residue. The Public Analyst reported, with reference to the sample of pears submitted, that the contamination was concentrated at the eye and at the stalk of the fruit, and that, although there was very slight contamination of the skin, the flesh was virtually unaffected. He further stated that individual pears may contain much more than the stated amounts of arsenic and copper. In view of the large consignments of the fruit dealt with at this Port and, consequently, the impossibility of examination of each individual case, the Health Authorities at each place of destination were informed of the arrival of the pears.

### MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

### Statistics:

Number of Aliens arriving at the Port:-

Year - 1948: 1949; 1950: Total Aliens ....... 156.353 129,566 139,605

Aliens dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

Year:	Total Aliens:	Medically Examined:	Percentage of Total Medically Examined:
1948	<b>.</b> 156 <b>,</b> 353	7,273	4.6
1949	. 129,566	6,187	4.7.
1950	. 139,605	4,530	3:25

Categories in which Aliens were examined: - ....

I,	Holding Ministry of Labour permits	4,077
II.	Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom .	348
III.	Visitors	102
IV.	Business Visitors,	-
V.	Aliens in transit	
VI.	Others	<sub></sub> 3

Total	e •	• •	n •		• •	•		4,530
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### Remarks:

Although the total number of aliens arriving at the Port during the year showed an increase of over 10,000 on the figure for the previous year, the number medically examined showed a decrease of 1,657, which covered proportionately each of the main categories enumerated above.

As the examinations of the aliens in these categories were for the most part mandatory it would seem that fewer aliens taking up employment in the United Kingdom for the first time on a long-term basis and fewer long-term visitors were coming to this country via Dover.

The number of certificates issued to the Immigration Officer in respect of Aliens examined was ten. These were, in the majority of cases, on account of physical defect likely to affect the aliens earning capacity but in all cases landing was permitted conditionally by the Immigration Officer after consultation with the Medical Inspector. The rate of certification of the aliens examined was 0.2 per cent, as compared with 0.3 per cent for the year 1949.

During the year, the existing arrangements for Aliens Inspection were under review and authority was given for preliminary discussion between the Port Health Authority and the Ministry of Health with a view to re-organisation of the work on more convenient lines. In October, the Clerk to the Authority, together with the Port Medical Officer, interviewed representatives of the Ministry to explain the Authority's proposals and the matter was still under consideration at the end of the year.

Table (1) - Nationalities Examined and Certificates Issued.

	Nationality:	Male:	s: Fe- males:	Chil-dren:	Total	l:No. of Certif icates:
Baltic & North European States:	(Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian (Poles and Finns	10 - 12	1 96 <del>-</del> 55	- 7 -	1 113 - 67	
Middle & Western European States:	(German (Austrian (Swiss (French (Belgian (Spanish; Portugese (Czechs; Ĵugo-Slavs (Luxembourg; Liechtenstein (Dutch (Italian	99 19 55 73 51 6 11 2	1623 264 406 169 84 43 9 22 27	36 7 1 3 1 7 2 - 47	1758 290 462 245 136 56 22 24 1096	3 - 2 1 - - - - 4
Eastern European States:	(Hungariàn	1 8	8 1 11	- - 2	9 1 21	
Asiatic States:	(Egypt; Israel; Iraq; Iran (Turkish; Armenian (Syrian; Libyan (Chinese; Japanese; Siamese	14 1 -	14 1 5	10	38 2 5	
North and South Americas:	(Central and South America	<del>-</del> 6	1 3	-	<b>1</b> 9	 -
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Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector:		4,530	1	i	4,530
Number Inspected by the Medical Inspector:		134,521	7445	1	134,865
Total:		139,261	7775	1	139,605
		(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	(c) Transmigrants	Total Aliens arriving at the Pcrt

f Alien Passengers .... ?,564 Total number of Vessels concerned in the transport of Alien Passengers Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector

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